

Meeting details

Date of meeting	Wednesday, 13 September 2023
Time	5:30pm – 7:00pm
Venue	Barrbunin Beek
Chair/Facilitator	Shelley Ware
Minutes	Kristen Munro

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

“Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as traditional custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region’s history.”

Inclusive Banyule Statement

“Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. We are committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone: principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community.”

Attendee

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
Cr Peter Castaldo	Banyule City Council
Cr Elisabeth Nealy	Banyule City Council
Shelley Ware	RAP Advisory Committee Member
Uncle Charles Pakana	RAP Advisory Committee Member
Uncle Owen Butler	RAP Advisory Committee Member
Zali Mifsud	Banyule City Council
Cath Bradley	RAP Advisory Committee Member
Tom Conley	RAP Advisory Committee Member
Kath Brackett	Banyule City Council
Jo Wilson	Banyule City Council
Jo Southwell	Banyule Community Health
Sue Harris	RAP Advisory Committee Member
Wally Johnson	RAP Advisory Committee Member
Kristen Munro	Banyule City Council

Apologies

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
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Cr. Peter Dimeralos	Banyule City Council
Maddie Miller	RAP Advisory Committee Member
Georgie Meyer	Banyule City Council

Guests

Hannes Berger	Banyule City Council
Nicol Rooks	Banyule City Council

Items

1. Introduction 5:30pm – 5:35pm

- Acknowledgement of traditional custodians
- Inclusive Banyule Statement
- Welcome to members
- Apologies
- Housekeeping

2. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting 5:35pm – 5:45pm

- Confirmation of minutes
- Action arising

Action	Outcome or Update	Status
Action 1: Sub-working group including Uncle Owen, Tom and Shelley to meet with the Repat hospital and then report back to RAP committee on discussions on how to progress the plaque.	Meeting next week	Ongoing
Action 2: Council Officer to organise for Hannes from Arts & Culture to discuss the exhibition and the acquisition of art	Update: Complete today	Completed
Action 3: Council Officer to arrange a sub-working group consistent of Uncle Charles and Shelley to discuss Uluru Statement from the Heart communications plan	Update: Council is hosting its third and final community consultation on the 8 October at ILCH. Barrier with comms to implement something in the Banyule Banner due to it being political without full context. Zali put forward a Treaty article.	Ongoing
Action 4: Investigate AHV MOU	Update: Uncle Charles and Zali met with AHV. Uncle Charles put forward the recommendation for Council to invest in an MOU with AHV. Shelley was the secondar.	Complete

Action 5: The sub working group of Sue Harris, Shelley Ware, Tom Conley and Uncle Charles Pakana be established to assist in selecting a consultant	Update: This has now been complete	Complete
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Recommendations:

The RAP Advisory Committee recommends that Council invests in an MOU with Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV).

3. Arts & Culture – Creative Banyule 2030 5:45pm – 6:00pm

- Hannes to present Creative Banyule 2023 & Acquisition of art

Discussion

Hannes presented PowerPoint on the new Arts and Culture Strategy up to 2031.

Cultural outcomes should be a focus in new strategy.

Walked through the Focus Area: Celebrate First Nations Culture.

First Year Action

-Strengthen a relationship with Barrbunin Beek Community in the first year.

-First Nations artists at all major festivals.

-Something about artists, art grants.

Feedback can be given on Shaping Banyule platform by October 1.

Shelley – Festival and arts team, how do we link it to our local connection to country and story, how does it relate to who is in our community and how do we highlight them?

Hannes- Focus on Connection.

Tom – Asked about how they will change their arts grants program, how are you going to do that?

Hannes- Unsure at the current moment, but more work needs to be done in research.

Charles- Present to the Beek Committee, get BBAGP CoM to provide feedback.

Jo S- Has Malahang Festival considered First Nation Engagement?

Peter- Will there be synergy between the Arts Strategy and the new Self-determination strategy?

Zali- We will work more collaboratively with other teams to make sure strategies align.

Kath- Our first nation reports.

Zali- Actions will be broad actions in the Self-determination strategy, but in more detail in the Arts Strategy.

Action

Council Officer Hannes to link in to the Barrbunin Beek CoM meeting.

4. Heritage Strategy Consultation 6:00pm – 6:20pm

- Nicola Rooks to present Council's Heritage Strategy

DISCUSSION

Discussion about mention of Self-determination Strategy.

-Zali clarified that the VALGS is the recommended approach for the heritage strategy to Traditional Owner Groups.

Charles- concerned about the wording of Traditional Owner Group, as many of us do not belong to a Victorian TO group.

Nicola- Confirmed that terminology is still to be clarified.

Tom- Have you considered other organisations in the area?

Nicola- Will defer to it further in the Self-determination Strategy.

Kath- question explicit language TOs and local Aboriginal Community.

Zali- to work around language with Nicola.

Community consultation closes on 31st October, link on post cards and minutes.

Nicola wanted to clarify that we use the language "First Nations" in the Strategy.

Community Impact team has a language guide.

Shelley- Couple of times in our working groups that have come up about challenging local heritage.

Opportunity to challenge heritage plan for us when historical information comes to light, eg. Street names.

Nicole- To make sure it was addressed.

Charles- Knowing is Truth telling.

As truth comes out via truth telling- will heritage be flexible and open to change?

Peter- Shared that after WW2 street names were changed to remove German names, but names were still put as abbreviations.

Shelley would prefer a sign that says why the name was changed.

Action

Council Officer to send through all Shaping Banyule Survey

5. Banyule Housing Discussion Paper 6:20pm-6:35pm

- Nicole Rooks to provide presentation

Discussion

Interim Social and Affordable housing policy does mention the possible MOU with AHV.

Demographic data shows that the challenge is not just getting the right amount of housing but the right type of housing and the challenges of affordability.

-A lot more information in the discussion paper.

Will need a link in the minutes to access through the Shaping Banyule Survey.

Barriers to our community in finding housing and other barriers that our community face.

-Cost of living is out of our control.

- Charles asked about the feasibility of tiny homes.

Nicola- Discussed this is being looked into around secondary housing.

Peter- Is a tiny home a reason to drop our minimum standards for our houses in the municipality?

Shelley- Concerns about the third level on the new townhouses

Zali- Discussion with AHV for them to provide feedback on the housing discussion paper.

Tom-Questions about high rise housing, is this a trend that will continue.

Action

Council Officer to send link for discussion paper Shaping Banyule survey for this Advisory Group.

6. General Business 6:35pm – 6:55pm

- Call for any general business items
 - [What commitment - financial and other resources - does Banyule Council make to Reconciliation Victoria?](#) – Uncle Charles
 - [Name Change](#) – Sue

- [Community wellbeing over Referendum – Uncle Owen](#)
- [Shane Grigg Resignation – Zali](#)
- [First Nations Employment Update – Zali](#)

Discussion

Zali identified that Shane Grigg has resigned from the committee, Zali to forward on the comments and thanks he has left for the members.

Zali shared an update on FN Employment Program has been endorsed by Council, now working through development and implementation of new program. Thank you to all the Advisory committee.

Zali shared that the ILCH Reconciliation Exhibition is opening on Friday night.

Uncle Owen shared for everyone to take care of themselves during the referendum period. Kath confirmed if members of the committee has access to the EAP program, Council can make that available, but will need to have a discussion around a process.

Uncle Charles requested if Banyule have a relationship with Reconciliation Victoria? As Rec Vic needs support from councils to continue the amazing work they do with local councils?

Cr Castaldo identified that Watsonia Neighbourhood house has some Yes signs, if you would like one let him know and he can drop it off.

Uncle Charles requested which Councillors are meant to attend this meeting? Chair has not attended for the past 3 meetings.

It was confirmed that Cr. Dimeralos Chair, Cr. Nealy Co-chair and Cr Castaldo attend.

Sue requested that the RAP Committee name be changed back to BATSAC. Committee discussed the process in order to do this. Kath and Peter confirmed it will need to be taken to Council in order to do this.

Action

Council Officer to investigate a formal relationship with Reconciliation Victoria.

Council Officer to investigate name change.

7. Close and date of next meeting 6:55pm – 7:00pm

- Confirm Actions arising
- Close meeting
- Next meeting: 15 November